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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN ANNOUNCEMENT ON OIL PRICE FREEZE

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MAY 22 QATARI DAILY, AL-ARAB, CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT REUTER
DISPATCH FROM KUWAIT THAT GOK HAS ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF INDON-
ESIAN STATEMENT PERTAINING TO FREEZING CRUDE PRICES AT PRESENT
LEVEL UNTIL END OF 1977. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, KUWAITI PETROL
MINISTER AL-KAZIMI REFUSED TO COMMENT ON INDONESIAN DECISION BUT
INFORMED PRESS THAT GOK HAD SOUGHT EXPLANATION.

2. AFTER BACKGROUND ON TWO-TIER PRICING, ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH AL-KAZIMI RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING WHETHER OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW INDONESIAN LEAD. AL-KAZIMI STATES THAT ANY POSITION TAKEN IN THIS REGARD WOULD HAVE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY OPEC RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL STATES. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH PARAGRAPH CONCERNING VISIT TO GULF OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND RUMORS WHICH SPREAD AT THAT AXGVIME CONCERNING ABANDONMENT OF JULY FIVE PERCENT PRICE HIKE, AND NOTES THAT BOTH KUWAIT AND QATAR HAVE DENIED SUCH RUMORS.

3. WHEN WE QUERIED MIN PETROLEUM SOURCE MAY 22 ON INDONESIAN ANNOUNCEMENT, HE REFERRED US TO GOQ MINISTER OF PETROLEUM'S MAY 5 DENIAL THAT GOQ WOULD HIKE PRICES FIVE PERCENT ON JULY 1, (DOHA REFTTEL) BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BEYOND THIS AS YET HERE. PAGANELLI

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